

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Roads & Buildings Department – Sri K.Sowbhagya Rao, Executive Engineer (R&B) (Retired) - Departmental proceedings instituted – Imposition of a punishment i.e. "Withholding 3% Pension for three years" – Awarded – Orders – Issued.

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TRANSPORT, ROADS & BUILDINGS (VIG.I.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 23

Dated:17-02-2011.  
Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.1390, TR&B (Vig.I.1) Deptt., Dt.30.12.2006 and G.O.Rt.No.712, TR&B (Vig.I.1) Deptt., Dt.15.05.2008.
2. From the Commissionerate of Inquiries D.O.Letter No.739/COI-CK/5/2008-7, Dt.10.12.2008.
3. Govt. Memo.No.9857/Vig.I.1/2005-15, dt.28.04.2009.
4. From Sri K.Sowbhagya Rao, Executive Engineer (R&B) (Retd.) representation dated 15.07.2009.
5. Govt. Memo.No.9857/Vig.I.1/2005-18, dt.17.03.2010.
6. From Sri K.Sowbhagya Rao, Executive Engineer (R&B) (Retd.) representation dated 15.04.2010.
7. Govt. Memo.No.9857/Vig.I.1/2005-23, dt.12.04.2010.
8. From the I/c Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Administration, Hyderabad Lr. No.2253/VC(1)/2005-1, Dt. 01.7.2010.
9. From the I/c Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Administration, Hyderabad Lr. No.2253/VC(1)/2005, Dt. 27.07.2010.
10. Govt. Letter No.9857/VIG.I(1)/2005-26, Dt.27.11.2010.
11. From the Principal Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad Lr. No. 1814/RT-I/3/10, Dt.18.01.2011.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, orders were issued appointing an Inquiring Authority to conduct detailed enquiry against Sri K.Sowbhagya Rao, Executive Engineer (R&B) (Retd.) among others for the charges framed against them for the allegations of the irregularities in construction of High Level Bridge across Kaivalya River in Km.38/2-4 of Naidupet – Rapur road in Venkatagiri Town Limits, Nellore District. In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Inquiry Authority submitted the report of inquiry holding that the charge against him as proved. In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, a copy of report of inquiry was communicated to the charged officer and he has submitted his written representation in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above which is not convincing.

2. In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above, show cause notice has been issued to the Charged Officer as to why the punishment of withholding 3% pension for three years should not be imposed under Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 on him besides recovery of the loss caused to Government. The Charged Officer vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above represented that withholding 3% of his pension for 3years is on the high side. He requested that the quantum of punishment may be toned down, the recovery of loss caused to Government from him is not covered by the inquiry, and the action was contributed to the loss was not spell out. In the absence of these particulars he is not in a position to submit his representation on this aspect.

3. The ENC (R&B), Admin., was consulted in regard to the recovery aspect, in the reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above. In the reference 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> read above the ENC (R&B), Admin., has informed that the amount as pointed out by the V&E Department ie. Rs.1,80,000/-, Rs.21,322/-, Rs.97,094/-,

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Rs.15,446/-, (Total Rs.3,13,862/-) has been fully recovered from the contractors. Accordingly, the Government have decided to inflict the punishment of 3% cut in pension for a period of three (3) years on Sri K.Sowbhagya Rao, Executive Engineer (R&B) (Retd.) duly withdrawing the recovery aspect since the loss caused to Government on deficiencies were recovered from the contractors.

4. The A.P. Public Service Commission, who was consulted on the proposed punishment, have agreed and communicated their concurrence vide reference 11<sup>th</sup> read above, for imposing penalty of 3% cut in pension for a period of three (3) years on Sri K.Sowbhagya Rao, Executive Engineer (R&B) (Retd.).

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to impose a punishment of 3% cut in pension for a period of three (3) years on Sri K.Sowbhagya Rao, Executive Engineer (R&B) (Retd.).

6. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a punishment of 3% cut in pension for a period of three (3) years on Sri K.Sowbhagya Rao, Executive Engineer (R&B) (Retd.).

7. The Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Administration & National Highways, A.P., Hyderabad shall take further action in the matter.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

S.P.SINGH

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K. Sowbhagya Rao, Executive Engineer (R&B) (Retired) through the Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Administration & National Highways, A.P., Hyderabad

Copy to:

The I/c Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Administration & National Highways, A.P., Hyderabad.

The General Administration (V&E) Department (87/142/V&E/E2/2004).

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad. (82268/VC.H2/2005).

The Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad.

The Deputy Accountant General (Pensions) A.P., Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER